**25/08**

# Chirton and Conock
# Annual Parish Open Meeting
# Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 8.00pm
# at The Old School, Chirton

*Susannah Lampard, Clerk to the Council: clerk@chirtonandconock-pc.org.uk*
**The public and press were invited to attend this meeting via notice boards and on Chirton PC Website https://www.chirtonandconock-pc.org.uk**

**Present:** Phillippa Radford-Howes, Chair (**PRH**), Timothy Burgess, Vice-Chair (**TB**), Paul Mills (**PM**), Gerald Lanfear (**GL**), Jennifer Kinch (**JK**).

**Attendees:** Susannah Lampard (**Clerk**)
Sharon Prance (**RFO**)
Paul Oatway

**Agenda**

**1** Welcome by the Chair

**2** Receive apologies for absence - None

**3** Annual report by the Chair

Thank you to all Councillors re-instated on 6th May for re-confirming their commitment for acceptance of office for another term, by completing and submitting Nomination applications . Local Authority Notice of Polls for un-contested PC nominees were made public on noticeboards as per governance framework. This permitted the co-option process to begin, now the 4/5 councillors are re-instated. And welcome back in post PAUL OATWAY elected for another term in the unitary elections for Pewsey Vale West.

The chair and Tim Burgess vice chair plus all councillors who have been determined to open footpath Chir17 are to be thanked for their commitment; finally this is going to be usable to allow pedestrians to walk safety without out using the Hollow, and for everyone's enjoyment.

Ditch clearance in Conock has continued over the last year with the support of Wiltshire council after initial pressure from Paul Oatway and his direct actions, also residents in Conock including AH for meeting with Wessex water to complete extensive flood mitigation works.

Other works included the scout re-paint of the phone box and notice boards, extensive hedge cutting and clearance of ditches in miller close and around the memorial stone and small the street and 20mph signage programme, rolled out to Conock after a community engagement survey. the village hall site continues to be used as it is for VE day commemorations last Thursday. Meetings as to the future of the building will resume this year.

Susannah Lampard, Clerk to the PC
May 2025

4 Reports by Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Financial Report by Responsible Financial Officer Year ending 31st March 2025

The past year has been another busy one with grant work for the village hall and footpaths.

Income

The Parish Council's Income was higher than last year due in the main to the receipt of CiL money of over £3800.

Expenditure

During 2024-2025 the Parish Council's expenditure was down on last year, with expenditure on the 20 MPH contribution expected in 2025-26.

Similar to previous years the Parish Council again paid for every household to receive a monthly copy of the Redhorn News and continued maintenance of grass verges and bin emptying around the villages.

The Parish Council helped to fund and organise the very successful D Day remembrance in the summer, with money raised divided between the village hall fund and the RBL.

I would like to thank councillors for prompt authorisation of bank payments, and for their patience over the past year in processing the large amount of financial information that has been distributed. It is very much appreciated.

Sharon Prance, Responsible Financial Officer

May 2025

5 Report from local Councillor post Unitary Elections

Councillor Paul Oatway spoke post Re-Election and reported that no one party is in a position to form an administration. Party groups are trying to negotiate with Reform candidates and Independents at a full Council Meeting on 20th May a decision will be made on which party Governs the LA for the next 4 years. Precepts will then be set with consideration to reserves.

6 Open meeting to Parishioners questions and views

7 Chair closes meeting at 20:25 and announces date of next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 10th June 2025.